

CONTINUING RESOLUTIONS SPIRALING BEYOND SCOPE OF COMMON SENSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Maryland (Mrs. MORELLA) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to comment on an issue which has simply spiraled completely beyond the scope of common sense. I am referring to the continuing resolution which we just voice-voted, the 20th continuing resolution since the new fiscal year began October 1, 2000.

Today is the 11th of December. For the last 72 days, we have been unable to negotiate and work out individual spending bills for a number of departments and agencies because of policy differences primarily over ergonomics rules and education funding. From time to time, we were led to believe that agreement had been reached on these issues only to be right back right here today, voting on yet another continuing resolution.

I did support the continuing resolution we voted on today. However, Mr. Speaker, I do not plan to support any more continuing resolutions which are used to fund the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services and Education through next year.

Certainly there are policy differences. There are always policy differences. That is the very foundation of our democratic system. However, these highly partisan protracted delays have serious and far-reaching consequences for millions of innocent victims. I am referring specifically to the millions of Americans who are dependent upon the National Institutes of Health to find new understanding and ultimate treatment of Alzheimer's disease, other brain illnesses, better treatment of spinal cord injuries and greater knowledge of the causes of cancer, heart disease, diabetes, HIV and AIDS, rheumatoid arthritis, and mental illness. Additionally, the human genome project supported by NIH holds the prospect of far-reaching advances in gene therapy to treat many illnesses.

Until this continuing resolution roller coaster started, the budget of the National Institutes of Health seemed about to experience its third consecutive annual increase of 15 percent following a bipartisan path to doubling the budget over 5 years. Under the scenario we are faced with today, despite strong support from both sides of the aisle and approval by a House-Senate conference committee, this increase appears to be under serious threat.

Funding for the National Institutes of Health is included in the Labor, Health and Human Services conference report, H.R. 4577. Without immediate enactment of this bill, funding increases are in peril. This fiscal year 2001 funding bill must move forward. To delay or to roll NIH funding into

another continuing resolution would be a loss of an additional \$2.7 billion in medical research and a real setback and a loss of hope to the millions of Americans afflicted with serious diseases. Congress cannot, must not, let progress stall at year 3 on the 5-year plan to double NIH's budget.

Fiscal year 2001 funding is vitally important to allow our Nation's scientists and clinicians to enhance the health of the American people by exploiting the tremendous opportunities offered by the current revolution in biomedical research.

Last year, NIH was able to support 8,900 new research grants at universities across the Nation. Now, with a 15 percent increase, it anticipated supporting up to 9,500 in the current fiscal year. If the budget does not reflect the 15 percent increase and, instead, stays at the level of fiscal year 2000, only 5,000 new grants will be given out. A number of projects will be zero-funded. This could include initiatives in neurodegenerative diseases, including Parkinson's, and clinical trials for new treatments for childhood cancer and diabetes.

Not only would NIH lose its 15 percent increase, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention would lose a proposed increase of \$886 million. That includes an \$88 million increase for HIV prevention, \$36 million for childhood immunizations, and \$85 million for infectious disease control.

Another negative consequence of extending the current level funding in a continuing resolution is that the Center for Information Technology would be significantly restricted from providing necessary support of the NIH scientific and business communities. For example, the Center for Scientific Review would need to defer all purchases of computers and other equipment necessary to utilize the core data systems for the National Institutes of Health.

If our Nation is to sustain the momentum and continue to translate scientific discovery into better health and an improved quality of life for all Americans, then we just have to continue our commitment to double the NIH budget by 2003. Volatility and dramatic fluctuations in funding can be as harmful to the research community as inadequate growth. We risk wasting the investment that has been made for the past 2 years if scientists do not have those resources. So the bottom line is we cannot freeze the budget of the National Institutes of Health.

IN MEMORY OF THE HONORABLE
JULIAN C. DIXON

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 1999, the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. CLYBURN) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, the flags on this building are flying at half mast, recognizing the departure of one of this body's most respected and best loved Members. JULIAN DIXON was a kind of gentleman that engendered the kind of respect that all of us would like to have as Members of this august body. So it was no wonder that, when I arrived here 8 years ago, he was one of the first people that I sought out to sit down with.

I had heard of JULIAN DIXON before coming here. I had read a whole lot about him and was particularly impressed with the fact that, at one of this body's most crucial times, JULIAN DIXON was called upon to chair the Committee on Ethics. It was his performance in that chairmanship that I believe maintained the stability that needed to be maintained in order to get the House of Representatives through that particular juncture.

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He was admired for his work there, but also admired for the work he performed as Chair of the Subcommittee on the District of Columbia of the Committee on Appropriations. That is one of the most difficult positions that one could be in because, as all of us know, the District of Columbia has a problem of taxation without representation. And of course that is a subcommittee of the Committee on Appropriations, and the person who chairs that subcommittee has probably more to say about the well-being or the ways and means of the District of Columbia than any other single person. JULIAN's performance on that subcommittee endeared him to all of the people in the District.

And then, of course, at the time of his death he was serving as the ranking member on the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. JULIAN DIXON's performance there had to be admirable because, as all of us know, that is a special committee, one that requires a special kind of person. And of course everyone who knew JULIAN knew that he had within him the capacity to do well as ranking member on that committee. Many of us had looked forward to the day when JULIAN would be chair of that committee. But as the omnipotent and omnipresent being willed it, such would not be the case.

JULIAN DIXON was the former chair of the Congressional Black Caucus. As its current chair, it is with great respect that I requested this time this evening so those members of the Congressional Black Caucus who were not here on Friday, when we received news of his death and of course then entered into a spontaneous special tribute to him, so that they would have an opportunity to come to the floor this evening and pay their respects to the life and legacy of JULIAN DIXON and to impart to his wife, Bettye, and his son, Cary, how much we share in their loss.

Mr. Speaker, I yield the balance of my time to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. WATT), who will manage the rest of this time and, hopefully, recognize those Members as they come to the floor.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PEASE). Under the Speaker's announced policy, the time originally allocated to the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. CLYBURN) will be controlled by the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. WATT).

Mr. WATT of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus for reserving the time for those Members who were not able to come to the floor on Friday of last week when we suddenly found out about the death of our good friend and colleague, JULIAN DIXON.

Mr. Speaker, I would now yield to my colleague, the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Mrs. CLAYTON).

Mrs. CLAYTON. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding to me, and on this sad and solemn occasion I am reminded of the words of that poignant song "Gone too soon." Last Friday, we lost more than a mentor, a colleague and a friend. Last Friday, we lost a steady hand, a true heart, a penetrating individual.

JULIAN DIXON left this life at a time when he had command of it. As ranking member of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and as an influential member of the Committee on Appropriations, he was in control. That is why, with a heavy heart, I rise to express my condolences to the family of JULIAN DIXON whose untimely passing we mourn. His wife, Bettye, and his son, Cary, should know that while their grief is heavy, comfort may be found in those close to them, friends and family who will gather, and increase their gathering, on Wednesday morning, December 13, to acclaim his life and to celebrate it.

This husband and father was indeed an American hero; the wind beneath the wind of so many of us in Congress. For some 22 years, JULIAN DIXON gave of himself to the people of West Los Angeles. With dedication and determination, he took on the tough task while undertaking his responsibility with concern and compassion. He preceded me by some years as chair of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation. He was always there to give a steady hand and advice.

He stood firm, never wavering on behalf of the voteless citizens of Washington, D.C. He worked hard to make sure that legislation was passed to give Dr. Martin Luther King his day. And while he was never loud or boisterous, he was always heard and respected.

JULIAN has now been called to rest, to reside in a place of total peace. God's fingers have gently touched him and he now sleeps. I am confident that

he has left a lasting impression on those who came to know him, and the principles that guided him now serve as guideposts for those he leaves behind.

I am also certain that throughout his life he remained a caring friend, a devoted and loving family member, and a committed and dedicated father and husband. He shall surely be missed. I feel certain, however, that while our hearts are heavy and our grief is great, he would want all of us to rejoice in his life and the time he spent on this earth among his friends and the citizens of this earth.

Mr. Speaker, I believe it is important to offer a special word to his wife and son. It is my hope that they will be comforted by the fact that God in his infinite wisdom does not make mistakes. "Your husband and father will live on forever in your hearts and minds through your cherished memories of his life and the time you had with him. Please continue to support one another."

Let all of us here remember that death is not the end of life; it is the beginning of an eternal sleep. JULIAN DIXON, son of the District of Columbia, quiet soldier, shall sleep on. He lived his life in sacrifice so that millions of us and others could live our life in pride. He has labored long and effectively. He now rests.

Mr. WATT of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. LEWIS).

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank my friend and colleague, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. WATT), for yielding to me.

It is with deep sadness that I stand here tonight to pay tribute to our colleague and friend, JULIAN DIXON. It is so painful and it is so very hard and difficult. This country has lost a true friend. The State of California has lost a friend. The city of Washington, the Nation's capital, has lost a true friend.

JULIAN was not just another colleague. He was more than the representative of the 32nd Congressional District of California; he was more than a member of the Congressional Black Caucus; more than a member of the House Committee on Appropriations and the ranking member of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. He was like family to me and to many of us here in the Congress.

JULIAN was a wonderful and kind man. He was a gentleman. Many times in this body we refer to each other as being honorable. This man, this good man, was honorable. He had the ability to calm troubled waters. He had a way of soothing hurt feelings. He was an effective Member of this body who could get things done on both sides of the aisle by mending broken bridges. This man we salute and honor tonight was a builder of bridges, a builder of bridges of understanding and bridges of com-

passion. JULIAN DIXON was a voice of sanity in the midst of confusion.

Mr. Speaker, as I said before, it is so hard to believe that JULIAN DIXON is gone; that he will not be here voting with us any more. I do believe that his free spirit, his kindness and his good nature, will always remain in our hearts, in our minds, and in this very Chamber. JULIAN cared for his colleagues, his friends, the people who elected him, and even the people he did not know.

As I said, he loved this city, the State of California, and this Nation. He was wonderful to work with. He never sought the limelight. He just did his work. He was just good to be around. He was a dear friend and he was my brother.

Mr. Speaker, for this Member, it is still shocking; a sense of disbelief. It is so unreal and yet it is so painful. We have lost a member of our family. It does not matter whether we are Democrats, Republicans, or Independents. It does not matter whether we are black or white, Asian or Hispanic. We are family. We are one family. We are going to miss JULIAN.

Mr. Speaker, I want to close by saying to Bettye, JULIAN's beloved wife, that we will keep you and your family in our prayers. Thank you, Bettye, for sharing JULIAN with California, with all of us, with the American people and the rest of the world. He will be deeply missed.

And JULIAN, I say to you, Sweet prince, take your rest.

Mr. WATT of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. SCOTT).

Mr. SCOTT. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding to me, and I rise today to honor our departed friend and colleague and Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity brother, JULIAN DIXON. Not only was JULIAN DIXON respected for standing up for the rights of all people, he was also known and respected for the soft spoken and thoughtful manner with which he accomplished those goals.

JULIAN DIXON worked tirelessly for the cause of civil rights. His position on the Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and the Judiciary of the Committee on Appropriations enabled him to maintain the Nation's commitment to civil rights by his advocacy for agencies such as the Equal Employment Opportunities Commission and the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. During the 104th Congress, he worked to pass bipartisan legislation to establish a memorial to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in our Nation's capital.

Once the chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, JULIAN DIXON was active in the fight in the mid-1980s to impose economic sanctions on racially segregated South Africa. Perhaps more important than his dedication to social justice, JULIAN DIXON was highly regarded for the way in which he worked

for his goal. He did not seek the lime-light or engage in demagoguery. Instead, he worked behind the scenes building bridges between Members.

As an agent for social justice, JULIAN DIXON himself embodied the principle of judiciousness. As the leading member of two committees requiring a sensitive and judicious approach, the House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, JULIAN DIXON served with distinction. On the Subcommittee on the District of Columbia of the Committee on Appropriations, where he served as chairman, JULIAN DIXON consistently advocated for fairness for Washington, D.C., refusing to let partisanship interfere.

But judiciousness is not only characterized by evenhandedness, it is also characterized by a reasoned approach to problem solving. JULIAN DIXON regularly did what was extremely difficult in a political environment. He disregarded the emotional appeal and made decisions based on a reasoned approach. In fact, JULIAN DIXON possessed a level of intellectual integrity that is rarely found in politics today. JULIAN DIXON has shown us that it is not just what one does that matters, but also it matters how one does it.

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He was a champion for justice and a gentleman who taught us cooperation, reason, judiciousness in doing what is right and necessary. As we honor his life today, I hope we can best honor him not just through our words but also through our actions.

Thank you, JULIAN DIXON, for showing us the way.

Mr. WATT of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to yield to the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON) the next chair of the Congressional Black Caucus.

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague for his leadership this evening.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to my friend, Representative DIXON. I always called Mr. DIXON the quiet storm because his strength was known just as soon as he spoke words, but he never spoke loudly and his words were always respected. He was my mentor, my teacher, and my friend. And Bettye, his dear Bettye, is also my friend and she has my deepest sympathy.

My friend, JULIAN, inspired me politically and personally. Politically he was a profound legislator and an effective architect of democracy. Personally he was a dependable friend, a shoulder to lean on, a voice of encouragement. He had a complete view of America. He aggressively faulted for the bear essentials of democracy, home rule and a voice for all Americans. He was an advocate for crime prevention programs, the poor, civil rights, education, labor, small and minority owned businesses,

immigrants, Federal technology programs, and much more.

JULIAN did all of this. And yet, he was not flashy. He did not have to be seen all the time. And though his actions were praised with numerous awards and honors, he was humble. That was just JULIAN. My friend, JULIAN, was always willing to do the hard work, do the heavy lifting, be a friend to many.

America is truly indebted to JULIAN DIXON as a congressman, and I am truly indebted to him as a friend. No longer will I hear his voice when I need advice, encouragement, or just a friendly hello. JULIAN's reassuring voice is gone, but his spirit lives on. And I will always attempt to reach back and grab his technique to try to get things done. He has been called home for a well-deserved rest much too soon, much untimely. But I will say, rest well, JULIAN. Your job was well done and we all thank you for your efforts.

Mr. WATT of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to yield to the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) the person in this body who probably had among the closest relations with our dear friend and colleague, JULIAN DIXON, because of his service on the Subcommittee on the District of Columbia and their close association.

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I am grateful to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. WATT) for his work in the Congress and for his work on this special order. If any Member would be on the floor in memory of JULIAN DIXON, this is the Member.

I want to begin by offering my profound sympathy to Bettye and to JULIAN's family. I was in an airport when I was paged and told by my staff that JULIAN had died suddenly. I can only say to you that the shock of that revelation left me personally heartbroken and that personal heartbreak is repeated throughout the District of Columbia.

I want to say a few words this evening about three aspects of JULIAN's life: his institutional relationship to this House; his relationship to his own district as a quintessential legislator; and his unique relationship to the place where he was born, the Nation's Capital.

JULIAN was once honored as one of 12 unsung congressional heroes. Is it not such a fitting way to remember JULIAN? For this very able Member of this body was at once collegial and courageous but he shone so bright that he did not even tell anybody. And when you have what JULIAN had, others will sing your praises.

This was a complicated man. JULIAN DIXON was a man of deep convictions, for example on race and justice issues. And yet, if you walk the halls of this body, I think you would find that Rep-

resentative JULIAN DIXON was regarded as the ultimate bipartisan Member.

How can you be a man of such deep conviction without being neutered? JULIAN showed us how; collegial, courageous, able. In a very real sense, JULIAN was a member's Member. And nothing indicates that more than his service on two of our committees, the Committee on Ethics and the Committee on Intelligence. Those are very difficult committees and only Members who are first among their peers are assigned to such committees.

Imagine, any of us imagine, what it would mean to have to preside at the Committee on Ethics when your own speaker, your very good friend, was brought up and ultimately sent away. Could we handle that assignment and be left with the respect of our peers on both sides of the aisle? I submit that there are few Members who could have done so and that JULIAN DIXON became an especially towering figure in this body when he managed to do so with great dignity and fairness.

Let me say a word about JULIAN's relationship to his own district. What he has done for his district in 11 terms reads like an encyclopedia of great benefits. How is he able to do this? He is a man who knew why he was sent here. Here was a man who was first and foremost a legislator.

Now, JULIAN would appear to speak when he had something to say and when it was important to speak. That is why everybody listened when JULIAN opened his mouth. So he did not take to the floor to spread his extraordinary wisdom, much as I wish he had. He decided who he was in this body and he decided to legislate, to legislate on the Committee on Appropriations and to legislate bills.

Now, I respect Members for whoever they decide they are. There are legislators that decide they want to be an expert in a particular work of a committee, and Members look to them for the expertise they build up over the years. There are Members who specialize in just talking, and sometimes they have a lot to say and we listen to them. But if you think about it, the work of this body is legislation. And JULIAN decided that, even given his multifaceted set of talents, he was going to be a legislator. And what he did for his district means that it will be many years before his or any other district can attract such a legislator.

You have got to be real focused. You have got to do more than just put the bill in. You have got to do more than get up on the floor and wave the flags. You have got to do the grunt work that gets it done. And his district had the enormous benefit from his service in this body. This was a senior Member who knew how to especially get funds for his district.

When you think about what this man did for the institution, particularly on

the two committees which have I named, the Committee on Ethics and the Committee on Intelligence, his institutional service to this body is far and wide. But when you think of what he did for the institution and then you move to what he did for his district, he is already way into overtime. Somehow or the other, JULIAN DIXON, when he came to Washington, decided that he was going to serve the District of Columbia.

My friends, they do not pass out rewards for that except in the District of Columbia. And we do not have the vote in the Congress, and there is not a lot of money to be collected here. Besides, JULIAN was an automatic vote in his district. So why in the world would he serve the District of Columbia? From the beginning, he got on our committee and for almost 15 years chaired the Subcommittee on the District of Columbia.

This is a sacrifice. With his seniority, chairing some other committees definitely brings rewards. It is hard for me to think of a single reward for chairing the Subcommittee on the District of Columbia. Here was a Member who took the orphaned District of Columbia, the city without a State, the smallest guy on the block, and decided early on that he was going to represent two districts. That is exactly what he did. He represented my district, which did not have a vote, and gave it all that any Member could.

When I came to the Congress, I was naive enough to try to get to serve on the Committee on Appropriations. After all, my appropriations is the only one that ever comes over here. I finally figured out that, without a vote on the House floor, I would never be able to serve on the Committee on Appropriations. Not to worry. The District had far better than I shall ever be on the Committee on Appropriations.

Now we see the problems that the District has on the Committee on Appropriations. Now, do not think that when the Democrats were in power it did not also have similar problems. It was always a struggle. And all I can tell you is that if JULIAN DIXON is on the field for you in such a struggle, that battle is going to be won. And year after year, he won the battle for the District of Columbia.

He had an extraordinary relationship to the District and to me. It is interesting, as close as I was to JULIAN, I never saw him give the District a pass. He knew just how much oversight to give. You give enough oversight so that you are dealing with the money. You never give oversight to the business of the city, which is, after all, the business of the city. You always respect home rule. You hold the city accountable for the money that the Congress gives the District. But you are always deferential to the people who must govern the District. Balance perfect.

JULIAN was born here. I learned that he went to the same elementary school that I went to. He and I never knew one another. He left very early. He became a Californian when he was a very young child. But the loyalty, the sense of being drawn to the needy, which is what a city without the vote is, of being drawn to his hometown overwhelmed any avarice or any sense that we should be left out there with a Member less committed to this city.

Here was a man finally of immense ability, total command of budget and legislative matters, a perfect sense of balance and judgment, yet a man whose life was devoted to justice and full of compassion, a quiet force in this body.

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JULIAN DIXON's death has created a vacuum in this House. The space will be filled with ever-lasting memories of this Member.

Mr. WATT of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON-LEE).

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. I thank the distinguished gentleman from North Carolina and as well my colleagues. Now with heavy hearts but maybe some moments to think, we have come to the floor to raise up our voices, albeit not as eloquent as Congressman JULIAN DIXON deserves, to pay tribute to him.

Last Friday when the shocking news made its way to the floor of the House and to our various committee rooms, many of us, overtaken with the grief, attempted to say some words of solace and comfort to the family. It was very difficult at that time to put all that you might have wanted to say in a manner that was befitting of the great American that the Honorable JULIAN DIXON was and will continue to be in our minds and hearts.

Today, Mr. Speaker, I rise with a heavy heart to mark the sad passing of my colleague and friend, Congressman JULIAN DIXON of California. There is a lot that I could say, but a day or week, not even a month would allow me enough time to express all that JULIAN C. DIXON was to his family and colleagues, his friends, constituents, nor to the good works that God allowed him to perform here on Earth.

A son, which JULIAN DIXON was, of course, is a mother and father's best hopes and dreams personified. A husband, which JULIAN DIXON was, is a wife's best friend, companion and adviser. A father is a counselor, aide and active participant in the life of his child. Congressman is the title bestowed to those special few among us who are selected by the residents of our respective communities to represent their best interests in our Nation's democracy. A leader is a pillar for our community of public servants who populate the halls of power within the Federal Government.

These are only a few of the titles that the Honorable JULIAN C. DIXON has gathered during his brief 66 years with us. To Bettye and his son, let me say that no matter what we all conclude today as we honor him, none of those words could provide the total comfort of the loss you are feeling now. Might I say personally that I wish I could give JULIAN DIXON another 66 years so that each Member of this body, 435, would have the personal opportunity to feel his judgment, his leadership, his soft tone, his personal charge and charisma around the issues that he so loved. But we will not have that.

I am gratified that as a Representative from the 18th Congressional District of Texas, I can claim the friendship of JULIAN DIXON through the Members that preceded me and who knew him so very well. How special it is to have a congressional district in its entirety have a special relationship with a Member that does not even represent my constituents. JULIAN DIXON knew many of my predecessors, and they spoke well of him and loved him. Congressman DIXON honorably represented his constituents, the residents of the 32nd Congressional District of California, for 22 years. He was first elected in 1978 to serve the residents of the 32nd District of California, which includes the greater Crenshaw community in Los Angeles and the city of Culver City.

JULIAN DIXON's reputation as an intelligent, politically savvy team player with high ethics and tough judgment made him a mover and shaker on Capitol Hill early in his career here in Washington. JULIAN DIXON was appointed to the House Committee on Appropriations and rose to become the chairman of the Subcommittee on the District of Columbia where he championed the cause of the disenfranchised District of Columbia residents, giving them a larger voice in their ability to govern their city, believing in them as Americans and having the right to represent themselves. As a Member of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, the Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary and the Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, he believed in putting people first. And on the Appropriations Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, Congressman DIXON made his mark. He was not to be denied in his efforts to champion the valid cause of the residents of the District of Columbia. They had an eloquent and strong and fair and convincing voice in Congressman DIXON.

As a Member of the House Committee on Appropriations, Congressman DIXON also found ways to balance the needs of the poor residents of his district with the responsibility of the Nation's defense needs. How difficult a task, what a conflict. There would be many times

that we would come to the floor of the House and turn to him and ask him about the different choices that had to be made, but we knew that if Congressman DIXON was behind the vote and wanted the green to go up on the score card, he had researched it, he understood it, he believed in it and it was right.

He sponsored a loan guarantee act for small businesses hurt by military base closings and defense contract terminations. He always thought of the fellow or lady that would be disenfranchised because of some effort, some vote, some initiative that passed on the floor of the House. I believe Congressman DIXON was boldly a liberal and proud to stand under that banner. He was not apologetic as some have been because of the scorn shown to public servants that work for justice and equity for the poorest Americans or those who did not vote or those that could not claim that they had a voice here, while ensuring fairness for all. That is why so many have come to the floor from both sides of the aisle to praise him, because he did reach out or he did make the effort to ensure that all understood that he sought only fairness in this body.

In living his conviction to serve all of his constituents, he stepped in with dire emergency supplements for Los Angeles after the riots in 1992 and the Northridge earthquake in January 1994, always looking back, always ensuring that if he could give a helping hand, he would be there to do so.

Because of his impeccable character and, I believe, his style of leadership and his commitment to the Democratic Party, he chaired the Rules Committee at the Democratic National Convention in 1984; and later in 1989 he chaired the House Ethics Committee where he also served with distinction and, I might say, courage. It is difficult to oversee the plight of one's colleague and friend. He did so with dignity, and he did so, as we will remember him, with the ultimate keen eye toward someone's humanity.

In acknowledgment of his keen leadership, the Congressman became ranking member on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, making him the highest ranking Democrat on that exclusive 16-member panel. The 106th Congress marked Congressman DIXON's 11th term in the House of Representatives. His work as a public servant was highly respected and his stature as a statesman unmatched. For this reason, JULIAN will be missed by Members from both sides of the aisle.

JULIAN DIXON, while serving in the House of Representatives, lived the lessons of life in earnest, truth, justice, equality and compassion for all. I do believe that as we read the words that are in bold above the head of the Speaker, "In God We Trust," that JU-

LIAN DIXON had, in his own evenhanded and very genteel demeanor, a special God and a special relationship that kept him always able to bring people together and to provide a quiet hand, a quiet resting comment that would draw us to the point of resolution and conciliation as opposed to anger and anguish and frustration. I thank you, JULIAN, for that. I thank you for finding your spot on this House floor and taking your seat and allowing us to come and raise our voices in inquiry as to what decisions we should make or what these issues meant. I thank you for taking the questions from new Members as you presided over the intelligence initiatives and the various appropriation matters. I thank you for having your special compass.

And so I would like to close my remarks about this very special friend not only of this body but of this Nation with the words of the Lord as recorded in St. John Chapter 10, verse 27 to verse 30:

"My sheep hear my voice and I know them and they follow me. And I give unto them eternal life and they shall never perish. Neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand."

God has called JULIAN unto himself, I know to the great dismay of his loving family, his staff who loves him so dearly and I offer to them my greatest sympathy, and to all of his constituents and to America. And now it is our heavy burden to continue Congressman DIXON's example without his guidance and maturity. Let me pledge to you as we miss you that he will continue to be our friend and we will seek to find our place where he wants us to be.

We will miss you, my friend. I wish you Godspeed. Thank you very much. God bless you, JULIAN, and God bless America.

Mr. WATT of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. CONYERS), the dean of the Congressional Black Caucus.

Mr. CONYERS. I thank the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. WATT) for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in mourning the unexpected loss of our friend, JULIAN DIXON; and I extend my deepest sympathies and condolences to his family, his wife, Bettye, and son, Cary, and his dear friends from one end of this country to the other. I had the pleasure of serving with JULIAN in this body for 22 years. In the process we became good friends working on many issues of justice and peace. He was an extraordinary public servant who was the exemplification of dignity and integrity at all times. His passing is a profound loss for this Nation and this Chamber. He was a defender of the principles of democracy and a champion for civil rights, equality and justice.

JULIAN served this institution in so many capacities. He served in his most

important role as that unique and distinguished representative from the 32nd District of California, advancing the needs of the communities in Culver City, parts of West Los Angeles and the greater Crenshaw area. In addition to representing his people with passion and dedication, he served on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence as the ranking member and as a member of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense. I also remember the leadership he displayed as the chair of the Congressional Black Caucus.

My fondest recollection comes from working with him on legislation to make the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday a Federal national holiday. He continued his efforts to honor Dr. King by working to establish a memorial to Dr. King in the Nation's Capital. On a cultural note, I noticed and remembered that we participated in many discussions about our favorite music, jazz. I not only found him to be extremely knowledgeable about the subject of jazz but he also knew and supported the artistic efforts of many of the musicians. Whenever I had the opportunity to visit Los Angeles, I would seek out JULIAN to find out where the artists in the area were performing.

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When time allowed, I would always make use of JULIAN's recommendations, and I will always remember with great fondness our mutual love for jazz and the endless discussions between us on this unique art form.

JULIAN DIXON was a gentleman of exceptional stature and character. He was a fierce protector of democratic principles and a mighty warrior for civil rights and fairness. I will dearly miss his powerful spirit and friendship. I extend my prayers and condolences to his family and to all those saddened by his loss.

Mr. WATT of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I want to express my thanks to the number of colleagues who have participated in this special order in tribute to our good friend and departed colleague, JULIAN DIXON. A number of Members on Friday, immediately following the announcement of JULIAN DIXON's death, had the opportunity to come to the floor and express themselves and that has continued today. I am aware, however, Mr. Speaker, that a number of our colleagues have not been able to make it back today.

Let me just wrap up, Mr. Speaker, by saying a few words. First of all, obviously on behalf of the Congressional Black Caucus and the many other Members of this body, we want to extend our sincere condolences to the family of our friend, JULIAN DIXON; his wife, Bettye; his son, Cary; to his staff; to his constituents, not only those in his congressional district but those in the District of Columbia and throughout the Nation whom he served so well

for the years that he was in this body and in politics.

Many of us, when we come to this body, seek out and observe people and try to emulate them and identify with them. We call them our role models. Those of us who do that, and I am one of those, all considered JULIAN DIXON a role model. Even those of us whose styles may have been more vocal and sometimes more shrill aspired to be like JULIAN DIXON because he could influence others, not so much by shrillness or public speaking but just because of his wisdom and knowledge of issues and his quiet, calm way of dealing with issues. We admired that about JULIAN.

He was a gentleman in the truest sense of the word. He respected others, regardless of how they chose to express themselves. He quite often, after I would come to the floor and make statements, he would come and say you really made a good speech. He fortunately never came and said I made a bad speech, but probably when he thought I was making a bad speech or overdoing it he just maintained his quiet, cool, calm demeanor and did not say anything.

I admired this man immensely, and I think we all admired him immensely for that gentle approach, that gentlemanly approach to issues.

As many of my colleagues have said today, it would take a special person with a special kind of relationship to other colleagues in this body to chair the Ethics Committee, and to chair the Ethics Committee during a time when the Speaker of the House was being investigated and to steer this body through that process and still have the respect and admiration of all of his colleagues.

I think that probably summarizes and personifies the kind of person that JULIAN DIXON was, and that all of us perceived him as being; a balanced, thoughtful, gentlemanly person. He is going to be missed by this body, by his district, by America, and I personally will miss him immensely.

Mr. Speaker, I just want to again express our sincere condolences to family, friends, staff, constituents.

Mr. GEPHARDT. Mr. Speaker, as the leader of the Democrats in the House and as a Member of the House, I rise to express our collective grief and sadness at the suddenness of this very, very, very negative event that has happened to all of us.

I have served here nearly my entire time with JULIAN DIXON, and, as others have said, I have never known a more gentle, conciliatory, wonderful human being as we have known in JULIAN DIXON. He served in this body in the most sensitive and difficult positions. He served as chairman of the Committee on Ethics in some of the stormiest and most difficult times in our past; he has been ranking member on the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence; he has been a subcommittee chairman and then ranking member on the Committee on Appropriations.

All of that is important, but I guess what is most important to me, and I think to all of us, is that he embodied to us the best in public life. He was a beautiful human being. He loved others, he cared for others. Everything that he did was with grace and excellence. He typified what it means in this country and in the world to be a public servant.

We are deeply saddened by this unexpected tragedy. Our hearts and our prayers go out to his family, go out to his constituents, go out to all of his beloved friends, in California and around the country.

To the members of the California delegation, all of us give our deepest sympathy, and all of us will pray in the days ahead for the comfort and understanding on behalf of his family and his loved ones.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. WATT of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks in memory of our friend, JULIAN DIXON, who is the subject of this special order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from North Carolina?

There was no objection.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate agreed to the following resolution:

S. RES. 387

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow and deep regret the announcement of the death of the Honorable Julian C. Dixon, late a Representative from the State of California.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That when the Senate adjourns or recesses today, it stand adjourned or recessed as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Representative.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed without amendment a bill and a joint resolution of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 5528. An act to authorize the construction of a Wakpa Sica Reconciliation Place in Fort Pierre, South Dakota, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 129. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed a concurrent resolution of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. Con. Res. 161. Concurrent resolution to correct the enrollment of H.R. 5528.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. FILNER (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and the balance of the week on account of personal reasons.

Mr. UNDERWOOD (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and the balance of the week on account of official business in the district.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Member (at the request of Mr. CLYBURN) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. LAHOOD) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. LAHOOD, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MORELLA, for 5 minutes, today.

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Administration, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled a joint resolution of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.J. Res. 129. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. WATT of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 7 o'clock and 6 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Wednesday, December 13, 2000, at 2 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

11265. A letter from the Acting Chief, Division of General and International Law, Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Statistical Data for Use in Operating-Differential Subsidy Application Hearings [Docket No. MARAD-2000-8464] (RIN: 2133-AB43) received December 7, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

11266. A letter from the Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule—Risk-Based Capital Guidelines; Market Risk Measure; Securities Borrowing Transactions [Docket No. 00-28] (RIN: 1557-AB14) received December 6, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.